

Group I - Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6

Group II - Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7

Group III - Claims 8 and 9 -

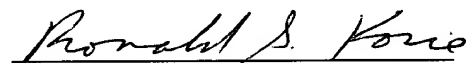
Group IV - Claims 8 and 10

The applicant, without prejudice, elects to proceed in the present case with group II namely with claims 1, 2, 4,5 and 7.

Favourable consideration of the present application in light of the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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